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9 November 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Abbot Smith, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

25X1 a. Referred to the President's forthcoming trip and upon being advised that the advance party is scheduled to receive a briefing by CIA this afternoon, stated he felt it most important that [REDACTED] participate in view of the Middle Eastern situation. The Director made it clear that CIA Station Chiefs would be available to the members of the advance party and the Presidential party to assist in any way possible. The Director also commented he believed it would be helpful if a representative from the Agency accompanied the two parties in order to facilitate liaison with CIA representatives in places visited.

b. Referred to a Department of the Army cable and commented in a great many instances he found it most difficult to read and understand Defense messages without spending a great deal of time. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that in his opinion the reports system is being overburdened in that voluminous reports are being received containing extraneous items of information. It was also pointed out that because of the great volume of information now being received, it is fast becoming impossible to digest, correlate, and disseminate it and still expect the consumer to find time for reading. Mr. Bissell suggested that insofar as CIA is concerned, he had been considering reducing reports at the point of origin since there would be little or no saving of time and money if reports continue to come to Headquarters which thus necessitates, in a good many instances, the use of cables and the time of the analyst here in Washington. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that before such action is taken, we wait until after the first of the year when the new 24-hour watch procedures go into effect and at that time give further consideration to the ways and means to reduce the volume of non-essential reporting.

The SEC approved
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c. Noted a cable to [] (OUT 63046) concerning RFE Polish broadcasts over the past two weeks, and directed that the content of such broadcasts be carefully controlled, particularly in view of the recent discussions held with the Department of State and Ambassador Beam. Mr. Barnes undertook to bring this to the attention of Chief, IO, and []

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d. Noted a report concerning the establishment ^{of} an African Research Institute in Moscow by the Soviet government, and commented that consideration should be given to getting the word around that the Institute is an outlet for Soviet espionage activities. *gse*

e. Noted a letter received from Mr. Robert Murphy, Under Secretary of State, pertaining to [] and asked Mr. Bissell to discuss this matter with Hugh Cumming. Mr. Bissell said he had already seen a copy of the letter and had discussed it with Chief, EE, since there had been a recent problem concerning [] [] in one of the Iron Curtain countries.

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f. Noted a memorandum from DD/S explaining the procedures for the purchase of foreign currency, and stated he would like a report on where we stand today in regard to the amount of foreign currency on hand. (Action: DD/S) Mr. Bissell assured the Director that action has been taken to provide for his personal approval for the purchase in large amounts of foreign currency, particularly the purchase of rubles.

g. Noted the exchange of cables with [] re the assignment of [] as No. 2 to the CIA Station Chief there, and commented he was considering sending a message to Ambassador [] assuring him we would abide by his wishes in this regard. Mr. Bissell pointed out that he felt sure that our original message gave such assurances. The Director asked to again see these messages.

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h. Referred to the memorandum for the record of a recent conversation with Elmer Staats, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget, regarding that Bureau's views about its interest in the formulation of U. S. foreign policy, and approved its dissemination to Messrs. Gray, Merchant, and Irwin. Action: DD/P

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MR. SHELDON:

Noted that the second in a series of reports resulting from Gordon Gray's "Great Thaw" memorandum was now ready for dissemination, and asked if it should receive the same dissemination as the first report on this subject. The Director said it should be noted he still wanted to discuss these reports in greater detail with Gordon Gray. After some discussion wherein it was pointed out that the reports were too lengthy, it was agreed that after the third series (to be published in two weeks) had been disseminated, the consumers would be queried as to its length and utility. Action: DDCI

MR. LLOYD:

Noted that our over-all budget discussion with Mr. Stans would be held sometime during the week of 23 December.



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